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SUBJECT: EMBARGO/BOYCOTT OF ECUADORIAN GOODS

1. DELEGATION OF TUNA INDUSTRY REPS VISITED ARA/EP FOR REVIEW OF PRESENT SITUATION AND TO OUTLINE THEIR INTENTIONS TO PENALIZE ECUADORIAN COMMERCE FOR RECENT SEIZURES. ANTHONY NEZITICH, JUST BACK FROM GUAYAQUIL, ACCOMPANIED GROUP AND HAD HIGHEST PRAISE FOR EFFORTS OF CONGEN DEWITT TO ASSIST ("DEWITT AND HIS GROUP DID A HELL OF A GOOD JOB") AND FOR SERVICES OF POLCOUNS NEGROPONTE IN RUNNING INTERFERENCE FOR HIM INSIDE GOE.

2. FOR MOST PART DISCUSSION WAS REASONED AND CALM BUT THERE ALSO WAS MUCH FUSTIAN. PARTICULARLY HEATED WERE TOBIN, WASHINGTON REP OF HARRY BRIDGES', ILWU, AND ROYAL, EXEC-SEC OF ILWU'S FISHERMEN'S LOCAL 33 (SAN DIEGO-SAN PEDRO). NEZITICH AND A. FELANDO OF THE BOAT OWNERS ASSOCIATION LISTENED APPROVINGLY.

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3. BASIC MESSAGE FROM LABOR REPS WAS THAT ILWU
WILL EMPLOY BOTH PRODUCT BOYCOTT (BANANAS) AND LABOR
BOYCOTT, I.E. REFUSAL TO HANDLE
ECUADORIAN COMMERCE IN U.S. PORTS. WHILE INITIAL EFFORT
WILL BE CONCENTRATED ON WEST COAST, IT WAS ALLEGED
THAT BRIDGES IN PHONE CONTACT WITH AFL-CIO, ILA,
THE MARITIME UNIONS, "EVEN THE TEAMSTERS" SEEKING THEIR

HELP IN IMPOSING GENERAL BOYCOTT. RE PRODUCT BOYCOTT, ILWU
HOPES TO LINE UP CESAR CHAVEZ AND US GRAPE BOYCOTTERS
TO GET PICKETS AROUND SUPERMARKETS HANDLING ECUADORIAN
BANANAS, FISH AND SO ON. SLOGAN IS "CHIQUITA SI,
CABANA NO' " (CENTRAL AMERICAN OK, ECUADORIAN NEGATIVE.)

4. WHILE THREATENING TO GIVE ECUADORIAN COMMERCE
"BEST SHOTS WE HAVE," FLEETING REFERENCES IN TOBIN-
ROYAL PRESENTATION MADE CLEAR THEY KNOW EFFORT WILL
BE UPHILL, GIVEN SHORTAGE OF ELECTRICITY IN THE CAUSE.

5. DEPARTMENT HAS NO REASON TO CHANGE INITIAL
ASSESSMENT THAT WHAT WE HAVE HERE IS THUNDER BUT
NO LIGHTENING YET. KISSINGER

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